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> On 2 September 1949 there was a rumor, apparently started by the Chinese military in Tihua, to the effect that the Ili government was concentrating troops along the Manass River and had sent a demand to the local Chinese

- military headquarters stipulating that the latter permit the Ili troops to cross the Manass River unopposed.
- On 2 September 1949 the Tihua Garrison sent 17 truck loads of troops to Manass (Suilai, 86-19, 44-21).

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Comment. The Ili Group will attempt to occupy Sinkiang Province as far at least as the Kansu border in order to prevent the Chinese Communists from entering Sinkiang. Its occupation of Sinkiang Province will probably be governed by the speed with which the Chinese Communists move up the Kansu Corridor.

